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SUBJ: BRITISH TALK WITH CHRISTOPHIDES

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1. CHRISTOPHIDES HAD TWO MORE INTERESTING COMMENTS WHEN BRITISH TALKED TO HIM SEPT 21, ACCORDING TO FCO'S WESTON.

2. FIRST CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE HAD COME TO CONCLUSION THAT TURKS DO NOT WANT PARTITION. RATHER, THEY WANT TO CONTROL THE WHOLE ISLAND, REVERSING SITUATION OF PAST YEARS. HE SAID TURKS ARE AIMING AT TWO SEPARATE REGIONS, WITH GREEK REGION SO WEAK AND CENTRAL FEDERAL POWERS SO NARROW THAT TURKS CAN DOMINATE THE ISLAND ECONOMICALLY.

3. SECOND, CHRISTOPHIDES ASKED BRITISH THEIR OPINION AS TO WHAT PERCENTAGE OF GREEK POPULATION TURKS WOULD BE LIKELY TO ACCEPT IN THEIR AREA. FCO OFFICIALS SAID THEY DID NOT KNOW, BUT WOULD GUESS THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A TURKISH MAJORITY. (IN FACT, BRITISH SUSPECT TURKS WOULD WANT MUCH MORE.) CHRISTOPHIDES SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS CALMLY, EVEN GRATEFULLY. ANNENBERG

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